

Louis will be remembered as a kind, caring, and capable man who was generous with his time and talents in order to help others. Louis is survived by his widow Mary, her daughter, Valerie, his daughter, Neshia, their son Louis II, and Grandchildren Kate and Akira.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRIAN DAVID YOUNG

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brian David Young on his distinguished achievement of not only passing the Michigan Bar Exam, but scoring exceptionally high. He has recently been admitted to the State Bar of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, after receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, Brian continued to be a highly competitive student at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, MI, where he served on the Wayne Law Review. Not only was he a published author, but as Note and Comment Editor, he assisted other Law Review members with their writings. This exemplary student graduated cum laude in May, 2001. He currently practices law as an associate at Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP. All who come in contact with Brian clearly notice his stellar attitude and high quality job performance. He is certainly worthy of recognition.

Brian has proven to be a professional of the highest caliber. His values and beliefs are reflected in his dedication to his work and his relationships with family, friends, and people in the community. On behalf of the many who have benefitted from his concern, expertise, and leadership, I commend him.

Indeed, this young man sets an excellent example to all. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Brian David Young for being admitted to the State Bar of Michigan. I wish him all the best of luck and continued success in the future.

IN HONOR OF HON. JULIE OAKES

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Julie Oakes, who retires today from 8 years as a member of the Hermosa Beach City Council, including two as mayor.

Julie is only the seventh woman to serve on the Hermosa Beach City Council in its 90-year history. As a female elected official myself, I respect and admire the challenges that Julie has had to face in running for and maintaining her seat all these years, and she has done a terrific job. In my observation, she balances her roles as professional architect, politician, mother, and spouse extremely well.

Julie has been instrumental in reshaping and refocusing the Hermosa Beach City Council, and has been a constructive and knowledgeable voice in the recent "Renaissance" of

Hermosa Beach, and particularly its downtown area.

I have enjoyed working with Julie through the years, and join the citizens of Hermosa Beach in thanking her for her service and wishing her well.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF ED "SONNY" ELAM

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding public service of a great friend of mine, Ed "Sonny" Elam. Sonny is retiring next year as the Rutherford County (Tennessee) Clerk after serving 28 years in office.

Sonny was first elected as the Rutherford County Clerk in 1974 when the office had only nine employees and one electric typewriter. His office now employs 28 people and uses a computer system to keep up with one of the fastest growing communities in the United States.

Sonny has helped transform the County Clerk's Office into a modern, efficiently run operation. His work ethic and friendly ways have made him a popular official among Rutherford County residents.

His unflinching dedication and tireless service to the county will be sorely missed. I congratulate Sonny on his distinguished career and wish him well in future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE CHAIRMAN RALPH STANDBROOK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a strong leader in Central New York on the eve of his retirement from public service. Ralph Standbrook has devoted virtually his entire professional life to the betterment of his community and in defense of his nation. On December 11th, Mr. Standbrook will preside over his final meeting as Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature in Central New York after a ten-year tenure on that body.

Shortly after graduating from Red Creek High School, Ralph Standbrook joined the United States Army, retiring in 1972 at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Chairman Standbrook served his nation in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and has been decorated with the Agri-Service Award, Conspicuous Service Cross Award, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Senior Parachute Badge. He met his wife of fifty years, Tula, during his service while stationed at Fort Temple, Kentucky.

After retiring from the Army, Chairman Standbrook farmed and worked in real estate and construction in Tennessee. In 1983, he returned to his native Central New York to

pursue a retirement career as a charter fishing boat captain on Lake Ontario. In 1991, he was elected to the Cayuga County Legislature. He also served as Mayor of the Village of Fair Haven from 1991 until 1994 when he was elected Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature—a position that has since developed into a full-time position which also oversees the County's executive branch of government.

Under Chairman Standbrook's leadership, Cayuga County has prospered. During his watch, Standbrook ushered in major public improvements to the county's Emerson Park and the Sodus Bay breakwater. Standbrook led the effort to purchase significant Lake Ontario-front property, establishing the Sterling Nature Center, and created the Cayuga County Sewer and Water Authority. He has served as a strong steward for the county's watersheds and natural resources and supported the expansion of programs at Cayuga Community College, including the development of its Regional Applications Center.

Mr. Speaker, in my twenty-plus years of public service both in local government and here in Washington, it is rare that I have come across a leader with the vision, the integrity, and the drive of Ralph Standbrook. He is indeed one of the best individuals I have ever met in public life and is a true visionary. Ralph Standbrook is a leader who always thinks big.

It is my honor to recognize Chairman Ralph Standbrook for his tireless service on behalf of the people of Cayuga County. I thank him for the legacy of progress that he leaves and wish him, his wife Tula, and their entire family much health and happiness throughout his retirement from elected office. Knowing Ralph's drive and concern for community, I am certain he will continue to improve Central New York's quality of life for years to come.

PROCLAMATION FOR ANTHONY PEREZ

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Anthony Perez. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from his peers in recognition of his achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community-oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their